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TWO MORE FIRE DAMAGED COUNTY PARKS REOPEN: Celebration Planned for Mt. Gower and Simon County Open Space Preserves

Who/What:

San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob, the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, the California Conservation Corps, volunteer trail groups and others will gather on Thursday to celebrate the reopening of two more fire-damaged County parks, Mt. Gower and William and Carol Simon Open Space Preserves. Both located in Ramona, Mt. Gower and Simon County preserves offer over 2240 acres of open space and miles of multi-use trails. To date, only two more County Parks damaged by the wildfires remain closed (Oakoasis and El Capitan Open Space Preserves.)

When:

Thursday, December 16, 2004
2:30 p.m.

Where:

Mt. Gower Open Space Preserve (San Diego Country Estates)
17090 Gunn Stage Road, Ramona
Meet at Mt. Gower Staging Area off of Gunn Stage Road
(Thomas Bros Guide: page 1173, coordinate F1)

Why:

Mt. Gower and Simon Open Space Preserves were scheduled to reopen in November of 2004; however, because of heavy rains and the damage it caused, the reopening was rescheduled for December 16, 2004. This celebration and reopening is thanks to the diligent efforts of County Parks and Recreation staff, the California Conservation Corps, the Ramona Trails Association and other volunteer groups. For more information on County Parks and park programs visit www.sdparks.org.

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